

28.11.1972 Kavaroor 4.30 to 6.00 P.M.

Cloudy - Sunny - Day - very warm.

Cycled up 8 K.M. in the Kavaroor Road  
Only a single Painted Stork and few  
Egrets were there in the tank. This year  
also there will not be building nests  
due to some reason. People there of the  
opinion that they will come for breeding  
only in the January. On the way I saw  
many sandpiper and plovers in large  
numbers. The Spotted Sandpipers are  
in breeding plumage and probably  
they must be late arrivals. Stints also  
were there with L.R. Plover. A grey and  
pied wagtail were there in the Vaigai

98. Rufous backed Shrike

99. Indian Wood Shrike

30.11.1972 Elamanur Vaigai Talavi 6.30 to 7.30  
5 K.M. A.M.

Near this village Vaigai river bed is very wide and <sup>with</sup> oozing swamps. Thousands of Plovers - L. Ringed, Kentish and Stints were there. When they fly all at once they made such "zeer" noise like that of teals. Golden Plover, Indian Reef Heron, Marsh Sandpiper, Grey Herons, Turns and so many other birds were there. The approach is difficult and the birds fly here and there making watching difficult.

One Indian Reef Heron in Grey plumage is chasing away another Egret many times (probably Medium Egret).

100. Golden Plover

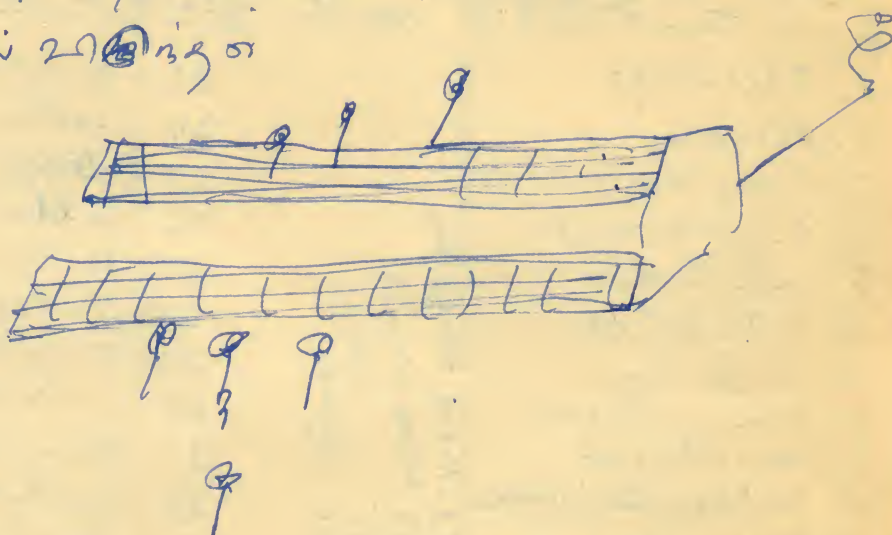


2.12.1972 நயன்கோட்டை 2.6K.M

6.30 - 7.15 A.M

உயலில் இருவன் உயர்த்திக் கொடுத்த  
கம்பி அப்பளத்திட்டுத் தூள்.

அனாமணி கொடுத்த 3 Little Stunt  
கூட 4 Spotted Sandpiper கூட அவன்  
உயலில் உயர்த்தின



ஏனென்றே பார்வையுடையவன் எவற்றை  
இருவன் உயர்த்தி கம்பி அப்பளத்திட்டுக் கொண்டு 50  
மீட்டர் உயர்த்தி அமர்ந்தான். இன்னும் உயலில்  
பயிற்சி உயர்த்தி அமர்ந்தவன் இன்னும் உயலில்  
உயர்வாக உயர்வாக உயர்வாக உயர்வாக அமர்  
பட்டிருக்கிறான்.

நியூ இரண்டாம் இரண்டாம்  
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25th 3rd Little Stunt உயர்வாகத் தூள்

7.12-72 Nainmarkoil Rd - Swamp 5 K.M 6.30 to 7.45 A.M.

about one c.m. Rain after a long dry spell - depression condition - 8" below level water

To day am able to see lot of Sandpipers and Plovers. Flamingos were in the Peria Kanni as a huge flock. Pelican were also there. For the first time <sup>in the area</sup> able to see the Black Winged Stit

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Flamingo                 |                                  | 23. W.B. King Fisher            |
| 2. Pelican                  |                                  | 24. Roller                      |
| 3. Grey Heron               |                                  | 25. <del>Br. King</del> Shrike. |
| 4. L. Cormorant             |                                  | 26. Bulbul                      |
| 5. Cattle Egret             |                                  | 27. B. Myna                     |
| 6. Little Egret             |                                  | 28. C. Myna                     |
| 7. N. Heron                 |                                  | 29. T. Crow                     |
| 8. Medium Egret             |                                  | 30. C. Crow                     |
| 9. Large Egret              |                                  | 31. Parakeet                    |
| 10. W. Breasted W. Heron    | 53. Pied Kingfisher              | 32. Spotted Dove                |
| 11. Red. W. Lapwing         | 54. W. King Myna                 | 33. Sparrow                     |
| 12. Spotted S. Plover       | 55. Teal                         | 34. Black Wing Stit             |
| 13. Common "                | 56. Coot                         | 35. Pigeon                      |
| 14. L.R. Plover             |                                  | 36. Red winged Skylark          |
| 15. Golden Plover           |                                  | 37. Richards Pipit              |
| 16. K. Plover               |                                  | 38. Indian Pipit                |
| 17. Stint                   |                                  | 39. Bush Lark                   |
| 18. Snipe                   |                                  | 40. Sunbird                     |
| 19. <del>R.</del> Sandpiper |                                  | 41. Warbler                     |
| 20. <del>Falcon</del> ?     |                                  | 42. C. Bee Eater                |
| 21. P. Kite                 |                                  | 43. Blue tailed Bee Eater       |
| 22. B. Kite                 |                                  | 44. Swallow                     |
|                             |                                  | 45. Palm Swift                  |
|                             | 47. <del>Black Winged Stit</del> |                                 |
|                             | 48. <del>Common Bee Eater</del>  |                                 |
|                             | 50. Godwit                       |                                 |
|                             | 51. Indian Winked Tern           |                                 |
|                             | 52. Brown Headed Gull            |                                 |



9.12.72 - 8 (12.500) - 500m River bed 6 km East - 6.45-7.30  
8-11

Went by cycle able to see few Painted  
Storks and Pheasants. They flew away. Pheasants  
and Sandpipers are <sup>in</sup> very large numbers  
But the oozing sand bed made it difficult  
to observe.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 57. Painted Stork. 1          | 65. Baya Weaver |
| 58. Green Shank 2             |                 |
| 59. Goldenbacked Woodpecker 3 |                 |
| 60. Spotted Munia 4           |                 |
| 61. Jungle Babbler            |                 |
| 62. Yellowthroated Sparrow    |                 |
| 63. Black headed Cuckoo.      |                 |
| 64. Horpoe                    |                 |

One man told me that early afternoon  
is idle time for observation but grazing  
cattle may be disturbing at that hour  
and how I should make another  
visit and try to identify the  
allied and sub species of Pheasants  
and Sandpipers.

14-12-72 Kavanoor

Periakaimai Swamp

3.30 to 6.00 P.M.

Water level raised by 5 C.M. stood at 5.5 meters.  
Rain about 2 mm in the morning - Sunny weather.

By cycle I went up to Kavanoor and  
no trace of Pelicans or Painted Storks Breeding.  
One or Two Teals visible far away. Few Paddy  
birds in breeding plumage. ~~Striated~~  
Striated Baya with yellow in the head and  
breast Breeding - A Brown Shrike with  
tinges of rufous in the breast Observed  
Teals are numbers - Egrets flying in flocks  
in the evening have black claws and feet.

About 300 Cattle Egrets near 2 km mark  
in the paddy fields. In the evening about  
5.50 while sun setting huge flocks of  
Swifts about 500 in number fly over  
Periakaimai and they formed huge ball  
like shape and rose very high in the  
sky. The Kestrel was in the same tele.

post. List of birds seen in the next  
page. <sup>I saw</sup> One Hoopoe taking dust bath on  
the tar road for more than two minutes.



14-12-72 3.30 to 6.00 Periakammai Swamp  
Kavayoor

List of Birds seen

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Painted Stork (6)         | 28. C. Crow                            |
| 2. Grey Heron                | 29. J. Crow                            |
| 3. Cattle Egret (500)        | 30. C. Myna                            |
| 4. Little Egret              | (66)-31. Striated Warbler              |
| 5. Median Egret              | 32. White Throated<br>Munia            |
| 6. Great Egret               | (68)-33. Striated Weaver<br>(Breeding) |
| 7. Paddy Bird                | 34. Drongo                             |
| 8. Little Green Heron        | 35. Crested Pied<br>Cuckoo             |
| 9. Black winged Stilt (2)    | 36. Palm Swift.                        |
| 10. Wood Sandpiper           | 37. Another White<br>Breasted Swift    |
| 11. Common Sandpiper         | 38. Swallow                            |
| 12. Curlew S. P. or Dalm     | 39. Parakeet-                          |
| 13. Godwit                   | (67) 40. Indian Wren-<br>Warbler.      |
| 14. White Breasted Water hen | (71) 41. Tree Pie                      |
| 15. Common Teal              |  |
| 16. Kestrel                  |  |
| 17. B. Kite                  |  |
| 18. P. Kite                  |  |
| 19. Marsh Harrier (89)       |  |
| 20. W. B. King Fisher        |  |
| 21. Roller                   |  |
| 22. Brown Shrike (70)        |  |
| 23. R. W. B. Bul.            |  |
| 24. Parakeet                 |  |
| 25. Red winged Lark          |  |
| 26. Richard's Pipit          |  |
| 27. Sparrow                  |  |

15-12-72 - Sakkarai Kottai Kammai - Kilalakkana Road

5.30 P.M. to 6.00 P.M.

Bright Sunny Evening

I went up to 1.6 k.m in the Kizhkanai Road. Sunset beyond Sakkarai Kottai Kammai is very beautiful. The Egrets breeding near the church all belong to Little Egret category. 100-200 Swallows were flying over the tank opposite to the church. Some have Pin tail just two inch long. White spots flashed when they fan out their tail. In the tank near Mangam Temple Black Whorled slits about 10 were in breast deep water. Teals in large numbers came in flock to the Sakkarai Kottai Kammai. I saw two Cow after 6.05 P.M. when it was dark. I saw two Cormorants flying westward. One of the Cormorants came down in the tank near Mangam Koid. Mynas comes towards the town for night halting. Roosting. Crows assemble in large numbers.

always very The Tree Warbler in the college is active between 10-30 to 12-30. - small or just about the size of sunbird. Breast and abdomen pure white - single -



17.12.72 to Vaigai River Bed Returns via Mandapam Road

3.30 to 6 P.M. - WIND From North East - Rain last night very little.

Due to high velocity of the wind I found it very difficult to see birds in the vaigai river bed. Gold Plovers and L.R. Plovers are in large numbers. Painted Storks in large numbers were there. In this season I saw a pair of ~~Pale~~ **Pale** Harrier.

While returning I was able to see many birds in the Mandapam Road.

~~Cattle Egret~~  
~~Indian Robin~~  
~~Red tailed Bulbul~~  
~~Indian Green Bee Eater~~  
79. Indian Robin  
80. Golden Oriole

(72) Pale Harrier  
73. Yellow Wattled Lapwing - 30-  
74. Blyth Reed Warbler (15 to 20)  
75. Bay backed Shrike  
76. White Headed Babbler  
77. Snipe - Black in colour  
dry zone  
78. ~~Forest~~ Warbler

For the first time I was able to see some 30 to 40 Yellow wattled Lapwings near Pattankathan in a fallow land. A Snipe also was there west of Pattankathan on the road in small ~~2000~~ ~~2000~~ some 100-150 Indian Green Bee Eaters are roosting. They make lot of noise.

21.12.72 Uttarakosamangai - 6.45 to 10.45 A.M.

Low Depression - Cloudy-dripping - no sun  
shine

I cycled up to Uttarakosamangai nearly  
16 miles and it exhaust me completely. In  
the Uttarakosamangai kammai I see as  
kannal but no birds and in the kammai  
at 8 km mark some Teals and mallards  
were visible in the middle. I saw a Kestrel  
which preens its feathers sitting in Palmarah  
tree. Birds seen.

Spotted Dove  
Rock Pigeon  
Brown Headed  
Gull

Rattle Egret  
R.V. Babul  
Painted Stork  
Grey Heron  
Swallow  
Palm Swift  
83 Pintails  
House Crow  
Myna  
Rose Ring Parakeet  
Sparrow  
Y. Throated Sparrow  
Golden Oriole ♀  
Ashy Swallow  
Krike

Pariak Kite  
Br. Kite Juvenile  
Pied Crested Cuckoo

81 Kestrel  
82 Little Grebe  
84 Mallard  
L. Ringle Plover  
Common Sandpiper  
86. Green Sandpiper  
Purple Sunbird  
Warblers  
Striated Warbler  
87 White bellied Drongo  
Paddy Bird  
L. Cuckoo  
Drongo  
Grey Shrike  
Rufous Shrike



24.12.72 Madurai to Ramnagar 2.00 PM  
5.30 P.M.

By Train - cloudy - drizzling.

At Madurai one Shikara was flying over South gopuram. While travelling in train I was able to see many Drongos and Rollers in large numbers at least 50 species might be there along the railway track.

Between Paramakudi and Manamadurai

The Birds are many. I saw two Hoopie perching on the wires

1. Drongo
2. Roller
3. Hoopie
4. Lark
5. P. Kite
6. B. Kite
7. Another Kite
- 2 8. Peregrine Falcon
9. L. Egret
10. P. Bird
11. Kingfisher (W. B.)
12. ~~Eastern~~ Heron
13. R. R. Plover
14. J. Crow
15. C. Crow
16. House sparrow
17. Myna
18. W. Bellied Drongo
19. Pied Wag Tail
20. Common B. Eater
21. Blue Tailed B. Eater
22. Ashy Swallow Shrike
23. Palm Swift
24. Swallow
25. R. R. Parakeet
26. Cuckoo

25.12.72 Ramanad to Tiruchendur

6.30 to 10.30 A.M. State Bus

VIA - Keelakarai - Ervadi - Sayalkudi - Surankottai - Tutukurin - Kayal Pattan.

Cloudy drizzling weather - rain the previous evening.

Near Tiruppalani I saw 15 to 20

Painted Storks and one Indian Reef Heron

A single Pelican was also there. Near Ervadi

Warblers, Pigeons, Doves and Larks

are in large numbers in the scrub jungle like red soiled land. Near Surankottai yellow wattled lapwings were frequently seen.

100 of B.B. Finch larks are on the road and

they are flying away when the bus approaches them.

Near Tutukurin I saw 25 to 30 Painted

Storks flying towards sea coast. In Thim

Chandur I saw swallows sitting on the sea shore taking rest.  terns and Gulls

were flying towards north in 5 to 6 parties, flying very low.



27.12.72 03:30-2 km beyond. Sand dry. <sup>cultivation</sup>  
imperfect night - windy - sunny day

I went cycling beyond Therku Tharavai even though no birds were seen in the shallow waters in the dry cultivation beyond I saw many kind of Shrikes ① Bay Backed ② Rufous ③ ~~Brown~~ ④ Cuckoo - Marsh and Montagu Harriers were flying. another Harrier or Eagles also seen. Three Pelicans flew over head. Sunbirds, Warblers, and Bee-Eaters were also there in large numbers. Pipits were there. But the absence of Hawks notable. It may be called the land of Shrikes and warblers. They were in such large numbers. One Tawny Eagle were there. While returning near Thengutharai in the wet Grassland Golden Plovers were in large numbers and when a Harrier came around the Grassland L.R. Plovers and Curlew Sandpipers or Dullies flow in large group making ~~loud~~ noise. ⑧⑧ Cuckoo Shrike ⑨⑨ Mouse Warblers ⑩⑩ Montagu or Marsh Harrier.

29.12.1972 Peripattanam - 3.00 P.m to 5.30 P.m

10 KM East in the Mandapam Road then another 10 KM South towards sea - Total 20 KM  
Bus Fare 60 NP - One Town Bus - on the way 98  
Bng 450 - two small salt water lagoons -  
Cultivation around Coconut groves - Paddy  
fields - Sea coast sandy - Palmaria groves -  
Very neat and beautiful -

In the sea coast no sign of sand  
pipers or Plovers - on the way in a small  
lagoon 50 to 100 Gulls actively fishing  
most of them Brown Headed Gulls. On the  
sea coast I saw on Kestrel few Bluetails  
Bee Eaters - Common Bee Eaters - Ashy Swallow  
Shrikes and two kinds of Swift (Palm-white  
breasted).

I saw two Brahmany Kites with  
locked claws on the ground fighting or  
playing for a long time when third bird came  
fly over them they flew away.

91. Lesser Black Backed Gull



30.12.72 Kavanoor 4.30 - 6.30

35 NP.

WATER LEVEL - 13 <sup>41.5 m high possible</sup>  
5.00 feet

Cycling up to Kavanoor - Sunny weather -

On the way I saw few crows, two Grey wagtails and few curlew sandpipers taking bath in the road side pond at 2.4 km mark. In the Kavanoor Kammai there is no nests. But about 10-15 Painted Storks flew towards the Kammai. There is not a single water fowls there. While returning I saw the Kestrel on the same Telegraph Post and I saw another one near the 2.4 km on a Telegraph post about 6.10 PM. It flew away and landed on a 200 y again flew to another Telegraph Post. The Kestrels <sup>the sides of</sup> Back was not clear brick red. Its tail sides are black. The red and black spot are on the tail also. When they flew the under part is almost white. The <sup>Kestrel</sup> ~~one~~ I saw at Uttara Kosamangai and at Devipattanam were smaller in size and brick red in colour.

Near 5 K. m mark I saw hundreds of Pipits. They were going towards east for roosting. In the vaigai bed two Grey wagtails were there. Near Peria Kammai 10 to 12 Open billed storks and in the Kammai only 2 Pelicans and hundreds of Ducks were there.

95. Open billed stork  
96. Tawny Eagle

92. Pied Wagtail  
93. Grey Wagtail  
94. Rufous Shrike

31.12.72 Mandabam 8 to 10 A.M.  
partly cloudy day - Went by 8.00 A.M.  
Express up to Mandam - Bus Fare 1-15 Bus  
reached Mandabam by 8.50 A.M.

On the way at 14 KM mark is  
the Bridge on Vaigai then for 3 to 4 KM the  
Road runs along the estuary and Uchi  
pulli at 20 KM - beyond uchipulli there is  
swamp like pools on either side of the  
road and grass lands. Golden plovers,  
Black winged Stits, L.R. Plovers and  
other birds are in large numbers.

~~Now~~ Mandabam camp is the  
Fisheries centre around it. Thorns forest.  
In the ~~port~~ near Mandam Gulls are  
in large numbers. They are not afraid  
of human beings. Black Headed, Brown  
Head and Lesser Black Backed are there.  
Two Kestrels were there near the station  
I saw one Hoopoe breeding.

On the whole it's a nice place  
If one had time one can see lot

- List Enclosed -



Birds seen in Madhav  
Trip 31-12-1972

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 Kestrel - 2 ✓     | 25 Yellow Wallah |
| 2 Small Bee Eater ✓ | 26 Parakeet      |
| 3 Grey Wag tail ✓   | 27 Cormorant     |
| 4 Whiskered Tern    | 28 Black winged  |
| 5 Br L. Gull        | 29 Green Shank   |
| 6 Bl. H. Gull       | 30 Roller        |
| 7 Lesser B. B. Gull | 31 Dongo         |
| 8 Greater B B Gull  | 32 Ashy Swallow  |
| 9 B. Kite           | Shrike           |
| 10 P. Kite          | 33 Babble        |
| 11 Golden Plover    | 34 H crow        |
| 12 C. R. Plover     | 35 Sparrow       |
| 13 G. Shank         | 36 A Dove        |
| 14 Hunting Eagle    | 37 Coooul        |
| 15 Swallow          | 38 Wood Shrike   |
| 16 Palm Swift       | 39 Melhanka      |
| 17 L. Egret         | 40 Warbler       |
| 18 C. Egret         | 41 J. Crow       |
| 19 P. Bud           | 42 Hoopoe        |
| 20 Pigeon           | 43 Myra          |
| 21 Curlew Sandpiper | 44 B. Myra       |
| 22 Parula           | 45 Indian Robin  |
| 23 Lark             |                  |
| 24 Shrike           |                  |

Birds seen Near  
Bamban Rameswaram  
Island

31.12.1972

97. White Bellied Sea  
Eagle
98. Whimbrel
99. Curlew
100. Oystercatcher
101. Crab Plover
102. Dusky Red
103. Great Black Backed Gull
104. Indian Reef Heron
105. Marsh Sand Piper
106. Red shank
107. Green Sand piper
108. Black-Tailed Godwit



31.12.1972 Rameswaram Island-Pamban-

11.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M.

Dull sunny day. I got down at Pamban first went to southern shore. There is a huge marsh like that of Devipattanam. Hundreds of Whimbrels, Curlews, Oystercatchers, Coab Plovers, Redshanks, Godwit, Gulls, Terns, Plovers were there. There may be other birds which I failed to identify due to my failure of recognition due to the sun against. The sea was at low tide. I walk some 200 meters into the sea. I should visit that place another time.

On the ~~Northern~~ side I saw two White Bellied Sea Eagles nesting near the light house in the Echi tree. They were silent and one bird is sitting in the nest.

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